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SUBJECT: EVACUATION TRAVEL COSTS - DEPENDENTS OF JOSEPH F. ACQUAVELLA

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1. ENTIRELY BECAUSE OF THE EARTHQUAKE MARY ANN ACQUAVELLA AND TWO CHILDREN (AGED 4 AND 1), ALL DEPENDENTS OF JOSEPH F. ACQUAVELLA, WERE EVACUATED ON ADVANCE TRAVEL ORDERS TO THEIR HOME LEAVE ADDRESS IN THE U.S. MRS. ACQUAVELLA DID NOT WISH TO LEAVE BEFORE THE END OF HER TOUR. NOT KNOWING HOW LONG THE EVACUATION PERIOD WAS GOING TO LAST, THE POST THOUGHT THIS WAS THE BEST AND MOST ECONOMICAL SOLUTION FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. THE ORIGINAL PREDICTIONS WERE THAT THE CRITICAL SITUATION WOULD PERSIST THROUGH SEPTEMBER.

2. AS IT TURNED OUT THE FAMILIES WERE TOLD THAT SCOLA PAYMENTS WOULD NOT BE MADE FOR ANY PERIOD BEYOND AUGUST 28 AND WERE INSTRUCTED TO RETURN TO PEKING.

3. AS A RESULT, MR. ACQUAVELLA HAS BEEN AT POST WITHOUT HIS FAMILY SINCE AUGUST 2. POST STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT THE ACQUAVELLA FAMILY SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO PER DIEM AT THE \$14 RATE FROM THE DAY IT ARRIVED IN NEW YORK (AUGUST 3) UNTIL AT LEAST AUGUST 28, WHEN SCOLA PAYMENTS WERE STOPPED. CAN POST PAY ABOVE PER DIEM TO MR. ACQUAVELLA? PLEASE ADVISE.
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